

## **HOUSE BILL 1067: Murphy Deannexation**

2013-2014 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: House Bill 1067 would deannex two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Murphy.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S736, as introduced by Sen. J. Davis, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Section 1 of Article VII of the NC Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable."

Pursuant to this Section, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, which governs municipal annexations. The General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to *deannex* property — that power remains with the General Assembly.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill deannexes two tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Murphy. The first tract consists of approximately 6 ½ acres. The second tract is a strip of land approximately 16 feet wide, located on what is known as the G.W. Hampton farm. The act also provides that it does not affect the validity of any liens of the Town of Murphy for outstanding ad valorem taxes or special assessments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act becomes effective June 30, 2014.

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